

We Share God's Love with Others

FOCUS: In this chapter, you will be helping your child to understand that we live the Mass by loving and serving the Lord and one another.

Saint Catherine of Siena was once asked how we could adequately express our love for God, since everything we have comes from God. Catherine answered that we have only one thing we can offer God that is of value to God: we can give our love to people who are as unworthy as we are of God's love.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the priest or deacon dismisses us, sending us to live a life of love and service for God and for others, praising and blessing the Lord in all that we do. This attitude of thanksgiving is our effort to bring the mind and heart of Jesus Christ to our daily duties. Every celebration of the Eucharist imbues us with Christ's presence, which we reflect by showing greater strength and vitality in situations that challenge us to express his love to others.

Scripture in This Chapter

Mark 14:22–24 The Last Supper

Isaiah 61:1 Help and Heal

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1391, 1394–1397, 1416

In this chapter, help your child to

- ✦ explain that Mass ends with Jesus' call to go in peace.
- ✦ explain that God can help us make the best of difficult circumstances.
- ✦ suggest ways to overcome obstacles to loving and serving the Lord.
- ✦ review Chapters 15 through 22 on the Mass and Holy Communion.
- ✦ demonstrate his or her understanding of the concepts presented in Unit 4.

Words Your Child Should Know

- ✦ Blessed Sacrament
- ✦ tabernacle